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SUBJECT: US TRADE REFORM ACT

1. PRIVATE CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS DELEGATIONS TO 29TH SESSION OF GATT CPS INDICATE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT SECTION 131 OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VERSION OF TRA AND IMPLICATIONS THEREOF FOR EFFECTIVE START OF MTN. SEVERAL REPS INDICATED THAT UNTIL PAST FEW DAYS THEY HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF SIX-MONTH LAG BETWEEN SIGNATURE OF TRA AND US ABILITY ENTER INTO ACTUAL TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR QUERIES IMPLIED THIS WAS NEW REQUIREMENT. SWEDISH REP INDICATED A REPORT FROM BRUSSELS MADE MUCH OF THIS APPARENTLY NEW SIX-MONTH DELAY (ON TOP OF INEVITABLE DELAY STEMMING FROM PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO ASK HOUSE TEMPORARILY TO DEFER VOTE ON TRA) AS MEANING REAL MTN IS OFF UNTIL EARLY 1975.

2. WE HAVE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS TO THOSE WHO HAVE RAISED MATTER WITH US:

(A) REQUIREMENT FOR TARIFF COMMISSION ADVICE TO
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PRESIDENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS WAS PART OF ADMINISTRATION'S

OWN DRAFT OF TRA (SECTION 111 OF ADMINISTRATION'S DRAFT)
RELEASED PUBLICLY APRIL 10, 1973.

(B) COPIES OF ADMINISTRATION'S DRAFT WERE DISTRIBUTED
TO ALL INTERESTED GATT DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA APRIL 11
FOLLOWING ORAL BRIEFING BY AMB MALMGREN (GENEVA 1686).

(C) WIDELY CIRCULATED US SUMMARY OF TRA (SENT ALL
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS APRIL 11 VIA STATE 066161) STATES IN
ITS SECOND SENTENCE, "ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN DUTIES ARE
SUBJECT TO PRENEGOTIATION PROCEDURES INCLUDING PUBLIC
HEARINGS."

(D) TARIFF COMMISSION ADVICE IS SOP IN US TRADE
LEGISLATION; ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL PROVISION WAS IN
1962 TEA.

(E) WHILE IT IS OBVIOUS US MUST HAVE ITS LEGISLATION
AND COMPLETE OWN INTERNAL PROCEDURES BEFORE FINAL BARGAINS CAN
BE STRUCK, US HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED MUCH USEFUL SORTING
OUT OF PARAMETERS OF AN OVERALL PACKAGE--AND ESPECIALLY IN
NTB AND AGRICULTURAL AREAS--COULD BE UNDERTAKEN EVEN BEFORE
PASSAGE OF TRA; WHEN TRA IS PASSED, OUR TRADING PARTNERS
WILL HAVE A QUITE PRECISE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR NEGOTIATING
AUTHORITY AND THERE WOULD BE NO VALID EXCUSE FOR OTHERS TO
ASSERT NOTHING CAN BE DONE IN MTN UNTIL TARIFF COMMISSION
HAS ADVISED AND PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED PRECISE SCOPE OF
EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL TARIFF CUTTING AUTHORITY.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE VIEWS PARA 1 ABOVE ARE WIDESPREAD.
MANY DELS WERE AWARE OF LAG FOR TARIFF COMMISSION WORK AND
MOST INFORMED DELS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION WILL BE MORE OF A KEY DATE FOR
BEGINNING OF REAL NEGOTIATIONS THAN COMPLETION OF TARIFF
COMMISSION WORK.
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